

RESOURCE GUIDE FOR FAMILIES

(HOUSING)

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NAME: CATHOLIC CHARITIES OZANAM FAMILY SHELTER

SERVICES PROVIDED:

- Temporary and emergency lodging
- Meals
- Assistance with housing
- Employment and Children's educational placement
- Case management and referrals. While in shelter, program residents work with case managers to improve their earning capacity and obtain permanent housing.

WHO CAN APPLY: Single women and families

ELIGIBILITY:

- Applicants must be homeless in Middlesex County
- Willing to answer questions during screening
- Refrain from drug and alcohol use
- Be able to care for self
- Follow shelter rules
- Not be a threat to yourself, staff, or others
- Former residents may be denied if they previously broke shelter rules and haven't shown improvement.

LOCATION:

89 Truman Drive
Edison, NJ 08827
(908) 985-0327

<https://ccdom.org/middlesex-ozanam-family-shelter>

NAME: SALVATION ARMY

SERVICES PROVIDED: Offers temporary shelter while you find a permanent home, for up to six months

WHO CAN APPLY: Low-income single men, women, and in some areas, young adults and families.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Facing eviction
- Addiction
- Breakup in relationship
- Housing crisis

LOCATION:

433 State Street

P.O. Box 613

Perth Amboy, NJ 08861

(732) 826-7040

<https://easternusa.salvationarmy.org/new-jersey/provide-housing/>

NAME: WOMEN AWARE, INC.**SERVICES PROVIDED:**

- Safe House
- Permanent Supportive Housing Program
- Both programs include case management and support services to help clients overcome abuse.

WHO CAN APPLY:

- Safe House - Any victim
- Permanent Supportive Housing Program – Survivors of domestic violence and their children

ELIGIBILITY: Any victim regardless of race, ethnicity, age, gender, religion, disability, sexual orientation, gender expression, national origin, marital status, and military status.

LOCATION:

P.O. Box 312

New Brunswick, NJ 08903

(908) 937-9525

<https://womenaware.net/services/housing/>

NAME: HUD Exchange

SERVICE PROVIDED: Local community contact for families who are experiencing or at risk for homelessness.

CONTACT INFORMATION:**Middlesex County Board of Social Services**

181 How Lane

New Brunswick, NJ 08901

732-745-3500

MCBSS@mid-boss.com

<https://www.hudexchange.info/housing-and-homeless-assistance/homeless-help/>

NAME: HOMELESS PREVENTION RAPID RE-HOUSING

SERVICE PROVIDED: A short-term financial assistance program for individuals and families struggling to pay their utility bills, maintain their rental housing with a court-ordered eviction notice, or who have become homeless and need housing support.

MORE INFORMATION:

Types of Financial Assistance include:

- Rental Arrears (Money owed e.g., back rent)
- Short Term Rental Assistance
- Security Deposits
- Utility Deposits and Arrears

CONTACT:**Edison Family Service Center**

26 Safran Ave

Edison, NJ 08837

Phone: 732-738-1323

Fax: 732-738-3896

[Homeless Prevention Rapid Re-Housing \(HPRP\) - Catholic Charities Diocese of Metuchen | findhelp.org](http://HomelessPreventionRapidReHousing(HPRP)-CatholicCharitiesDioceseofMetuchen|findhelp.org)

NAME: NEW JERSEY HOUSING RESOURCE CENTER

SERVICE PROVIDED: free online registry of affordable rental, for-sale, and accessible housing options across New Jersey.

MORE INFORMATION:

https://www.nj.gov/njhrc/documents/hrc_how_to_find_housing.pdf

Steps to finding housing:

1. On the homepage, select "Find Housing."
2. Choose the type of housing you're looking for: rental, for sale, accessible, or temporary.
3. Select a city or county to begin your search.
4. A search screen will appear with three options: **Basic**, **Advanced**, and **Accessible**.
 - Use the **Basic** tab for quick searches by bed/bath count, ZIP code, or voucher status.
 - The **Advanced** tab allows you to filter by school district, appliances, pet-friendliness, credit or criminal checks, and more.
 - The **Accessible** tab includes all advanced options, plus additional accessibility features.
5. Enter your search criteria, and press "Click Here to Search" to view listings.

Veterans: If you have VASH or other housing assistance, select "Yes" next to Veteran or VASH Recipient.

NAME: FAMILY SELF SUFFICIENCY PROGRAM

SERVICE PROVIDED: Help families become financially independent by connecting housing assistance with resources and support. The program usually lasts 5 years, during which participants set goals like:

- Finishing education (GED or college)
- Getting job training and employment
- Advancing in their career
- Moving from subsidized housing to owning a home

MORE INFORMATION:

[New Jersey Department of Community Affairs \(DCA\) | Family Self Sufficiency \(nj.gov\)](#)

CONTACT:

Phone: (609) 292-3846

Email: Darlene.Stowers@dca.nj.gov

NAME: SECTION 8 HOUSING VOUCHER PROGRAM

SERVICE PROVIDED: Makes housing more affordable by paying a portion of the rent directly to landlords.

MORE INFORMATION: The program ensures that housing costs (rent and utilities) do not exceed 30% of household's income.

ELIGIBILITY: Available to low and very low-income households and individuals

COVERAGE: Statewide in New Jersey, administered by various municipal and county authorities.

CONTACT:**MIDDLESEX County**

45 Kilmer Rd., 1st Fl.

Edison, NJ 08817

Phone: 732-777-6999

Fax: 732-777-6996

HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER (HCV) PROGRAM

[New Jersey Department of Community Affairs \(DCA\) | Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher \(nj.gov\)](#)

NOTE: Waitlist is currently closed. Status of waitlist can be checked www.WaitlistCheck.com/NJ559

A lottery will select 20,000 households for the waiting list.

Priority is given to Veterans, the Homeless, Disabled, Domestic Violence survivors, and Local Residents. Veterans and their surviving spouses have the highest priority.

NAME: ADOLESCENT HOUSING HUB

SERVICE PROVIDED:

- 2 Living Programs (Supervised Transitional and Transitional) that focus on daily living skills, employment, education, and preparing for independent living or family reunification.
- Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Program that focuses on long-term housing with rent based on income (up to 30% of their income toward rent). Agencies must continue to engage with tenants, even if they refuse services.

MORE INFORMATION: When you call PerformCare you will be asked a series of questions about yourself, your living situation, and your housing needs. Your information will be added to the Adolescent Housing Hub. You'll receive contact information for three housing programs to reach out to. Housing programs may also contact you directly to schedule an interview.

WHO CAN APPLY: 18–21-year-olds, including homeless or DCF-involved youth

ELIGIBILITY: Youth ages 18+ at risk of or experiencing homelessness, whether or not they are involved with CP&P or Children's System of Care (CSOC).

EXCLUDED: Youth with intellectual or developmental disabilities (I/DD) are not eligible.

DURATION:

- Supervised Transitional Living Program (STLP) – Up to 24 months, with entry allowed until age 20 ½.
- Transitional Living Program (TLP) – Varies by program, with entry allowed until age 20 ½.
- Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) – No time limit; must enter by age 21.

CONTACT: To secure a bed through the Adolescent Housing Hub (AHH) call PerformCare.

Phone: 1-877-652-7624

Prompt: Select #4 to reach AHH

[Adolescent Housing Hub FAQs | PerformCare \(performcarenj.org\)](https://performcarenj.org/adolescent-housing-hub-faqs)

¹ information on the housing related resources listed in this document have been updated as of 10/28/2024.